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*...who want the unusual*

 *A New Asbestos Roof Shingle*  
**THE AMERICAN THATCH**

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*by*

**RUBEROID**



# Picturesque

## AMERICAN THATCH\*

ASBESTOS ROOF SHINGLES  
by **RUBEROID**



Brown Blend American Thatch Roof

## THATCH BEAUTY BROUGHT CHARMINGLY UP-TO-DATE AT NEW

THE new American Thatch Asbestos Roof Shingle solves the problem of the architect who is interested in creating more imaginative home styling effects...in spite of the restrictions of the average home buyer's budget. Decorator-styled American Thatch is a fitting crown

BLACK BLEND



for your proudest home. Yet it is created in durable asbestos-cement and designed for application economies that make it practical for use even on low cost housing.

The thatch design is the most picturesque, and perhaps the loveliest of all roofing styles. And all of that traditional charm has been preserved in American Thatch. Artistically staggered butt lines cast deep, irregular shadows that accent the overall color beauty of the roof. Random-spaced, vertical texture lines bring interest, richness, and an effect of added depth to the shake design. The side lap method of application enhances the rugged thatched look.

And Ruberoid has brought the famous thatch design artfully up-to-date! The American Thatch is actually a composite of five individual shingles. Application is fast, easy and more economical. The harmonious, decorator color beauty has been captured in modern asbestos-cement, the material that wears like stone.



## Integrated Color and Texture

These original blends are imaginatively planned to be in character with the picturesque thatch design while offering the full styling possibilities of modern decorator color. Contrasting, random-spaced texture lines provide a pleasing accent. Both color and texture are *built into* the shingle through a process of "integral pigmentation." Colorfast pigments are sealed in against time and weather by a tough \*Duroc finish, an exclusive additive that immeasurably increases the life of the shingle.



WHITE BLEND

## More Economical Application

Formerly the cost of asbestos-cement shingles and the skill required to lay them restricted their use to medium and high-priced homes. Now—in American Thatch—you have a handsome shingle that is low in cost and can be applied without special training.

## Copper Storm Anchor

The American Thatch shingle is designed to resist the strongest gale, because of its natural rigidity and the added security of a specially designed copper storm anchor that will not rust or corrode.



GREEN BLEND

RED BLEND

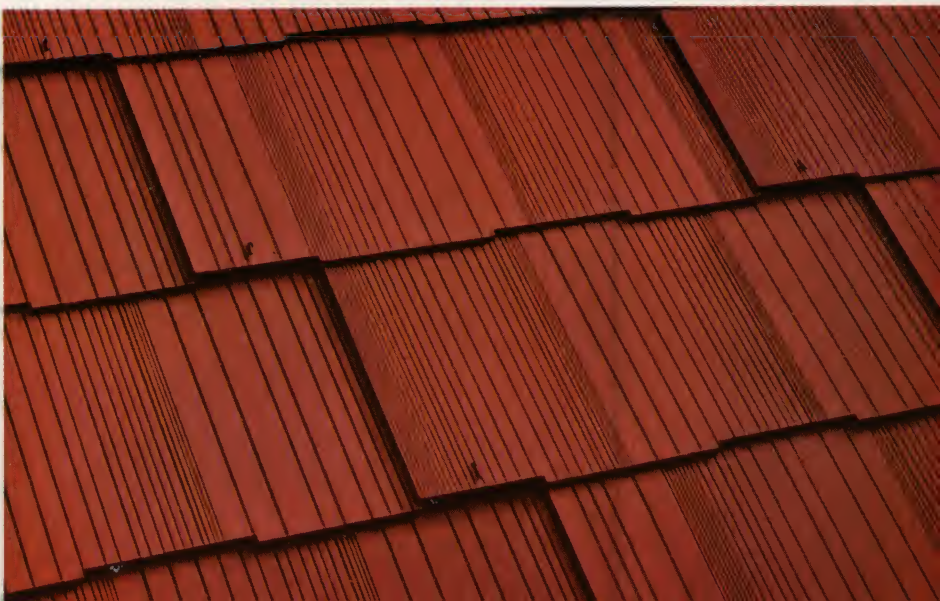
## ASBESTOS ECONOMY

### Asbestos-Cement Durability

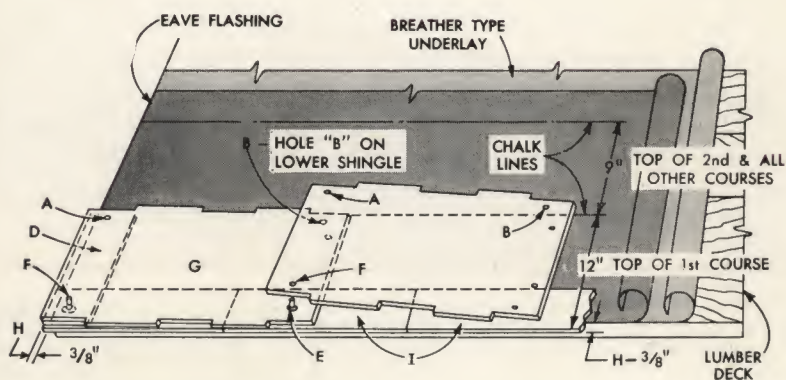
The base of the American Thatch shingle is entirely mineral in composition. It is produced by reinforcing portland cement with asbestos fibers for added strength and resilience and compacting the mixture under great pressure. The result is a "lifetime" rock-hard material that cannot burn, rot or decay... that resists extremes of humidity and temperature.

### Famous Ruberoid Quality

Manufacturers of revolutionary building products for over 60 years, Ruberoid leads the field in the development of materials that make it possible to create more imaginative, more interesting home styling effects. You can rely on the American Thatch because it is a product of Ruberoid's quality manufacture and know-how design.





**RUBEROID****AMERICAN THATCH****ASBESTOS ROOF SHINGLES***Designed for Secure, Simple, Economical Application*

There are only 80 shingles per square. Exposure is 9 inches, headlap 2½ to 3 inches. The shingles are self-aligning, self-spacing, and reversible for laying left-to-right or right-to-left. A copper storm anchor in hole "F" secures the free end of the first shingle in the first course. After two sidelapped shingles are pegged upon an anchor and nailed into position, the shank of the anchor is clinched down.

**STARTER COURSE**

**STARTER COURSE.** Use 4 x 24 in. starter shingles cut from American Thatch shingles. Start with a 12 in. length and align along eave edge extending ¾ in. beyond eave edge of deck to form a drip edge. For rake starter cut a 4 in. wide x 12 in. long strip, containing holes B, C, D, & E, from the end of a shingle. To correct eave inequalities, snap a chalk line ¾ in. back from eave edge for alignment of the in-roof edge of the starters. Start at juncture of L. H. rake and eave. Place starters end to end and nail securely. Use only one rake starter at the junction of rake and eave, on top of, and with its end ¼ in. above the eave edge of the L.H. eave starter, and insert a storm anchor in hole 'E' to be used in hole 'F' in the first shingle in the first course.

**FIRST COURSE**

**FIRST COURSE.** A storm anchor in hole 'F' secures the free end of the first shingle in the first course. As each shingle is placed, insert an anchor in hole 'E'. Then hole 'F', in the next side-lapped shingle in the same course, is hooked over this anchor. After each shingle is nailed in the proper position, the shank of the anchor is clinched down.

**SECOND AND SUCCEEDING COURSES**

The "lay" of these shingles repeats at the sixth course which started again with a full size shingle. Shingles are placed with the lower R.H. ends against the upper L.H. ends of the lower course shingles. The thatched pattern on both longitudinal edges makes it possible to lay shingles either from left to right or right to left. The first shingle in courses 2, 3, 4 and 5 is trimmed on its L.H. end to be 4 in. shorter than the first shingle in the next lower course. Its L.H. end must be punched with a properly located hole 'A'.

**HIP AND RIDGES**

For hip and ridge finish use the uniform thick 4¾ to 5¾ inches tapered, asbestos-cement Hip & Ridge shingles. Take a 12 inch wide strip of underlay, center, bend down each side, and fasten over all hips and ridges.

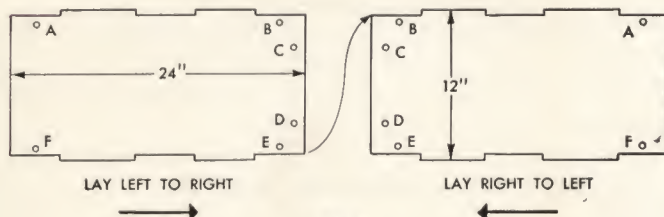
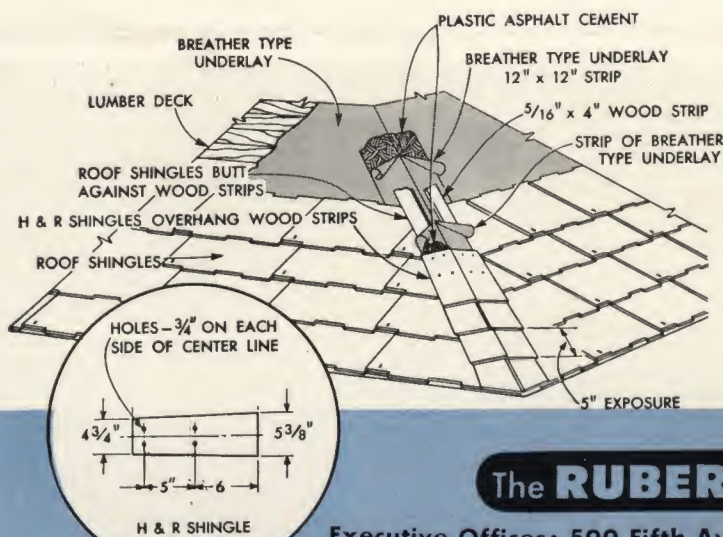


FIG. 3  
HOLE IDENTIFICATION

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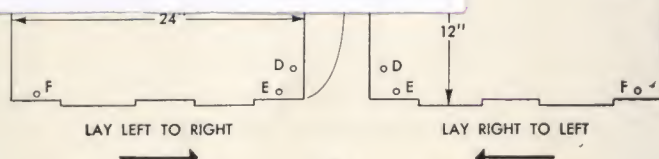
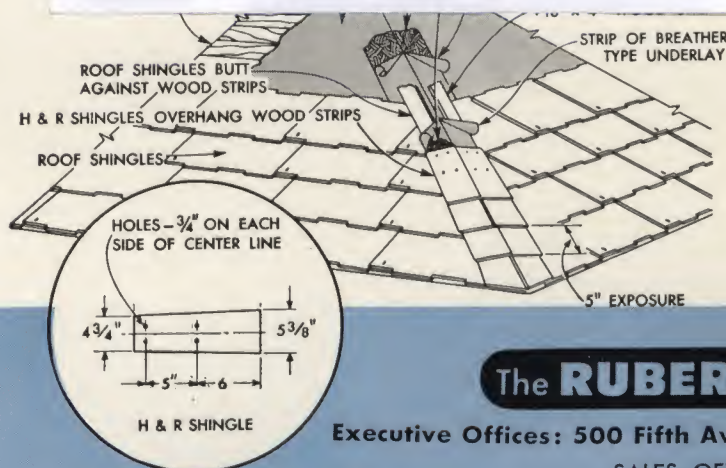


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